



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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REIMINK et al.

Application No.: 09/475,721

Examiner: B. Pellergrino

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Group Art Unit: 3738

For: MEDICAL DEVICES WITH POLYMER/INORGANIC SUBSTRATE COMPOSITES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 31, 2001, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 21-30.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain for consideration. Claims 21-30 have been canceled without prejudice in view of a restriction requirement. Favorable consideration the pending claims is requested.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner imposed a restriction/election requirement 35 U.S.C. 121 indicating that the application, as filed, had multiple independent inventions. In particular, the Examiner indicated that an election was required between a first claim group, including claims 1-20, directed to a medical device with a coating, and a second claim group, including claims 21-30,

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